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Reminder: Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement Forms for the fourth quarter are due to Mary Jane West at the State Library by Wednesday, July 10. Reimbursement checks will be mailed out the following week. Call Mary Jane at 444-3384 if you need any forms. The completed forms should be mailed to her at the State Library, 1515 E. 6th Ave., Helena, 59620, or faxed to 444-5612.

Bozeman Public Library is inviting everyone to come and help celebrate its 100th birthday at an ice-cream social on Saturday, July 13. The library's year-long centennial celebration began with an open house in January and will end with a party in late December or early January 1992, said Director Steve Cottrell. Bozeman Public has also started raising money toward a $250,000 endowment fund that will be used to buy books and magazines and provide patrons with on-line searching capacity. In line with the 100th birthday celebration, the library's summer reading program theme is "Great Discoveries! 100 Years at the Library."

Lewis & Clark Library in Helena is asking for a one-time, $55,000 appropriation from the city commission to ward off anticipated cuts in staff and hours stemming from the May special levy defeat. The library board has also asked the county for $6,353 to make repairs to the Augusta branch library. Even with the extra financial help, however, Lewis & Clark's book budget will be significantly reduced. In response, the library has launched adopt-a-magazine and buy-a-book campaigns.

Reviews of CD-ROM titles will be offered on Big Sky Telegraph (BST) following a suggestion from the Offline/WLN Users Groups. The State Library and the Western Montana College library have arranged for the reviews to be found on BST under WMCLIBRARY files as CDReviews. The reviews are to be provided by Montana's libraries. Reviews should include: title, author, subject, publisher, copyright date, price, grade/interest level, library type and a critique. For details on uploading a review or to ask questions about accessing BST, contact either Sheila Cates, 444-5352, or Mike Schulz, 683-7541.

Children who cannot read conventionally printed material because of a visual and/or physical handicap may be eligible to receive children's cassette books from the State Library's Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped. The Library for the Blind has approximately 500 titles available so that eligible children may take part in summer reading programs at their local libraries. A mailing including the eligibility criteria and a bibliography of available recorded children's books will be sent this month to public libraries and branches. Questions may be directed to Carolyn Meier at the Library for the Blind, 444-5397, or toll-free, 1-800-332-3400.

Karen Hatcher has been named dean of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library at the University of Montana. She had been acting director of the Mansfield Library since Dr. Ruth Patrick departed last year to become head of the library at the University of British Columbia.

Twenty-three LaserCat grants were awarded by the State Library Commission at its April 27 meeting in Missoula. Those receiving $3,000 LaserCat grants are: Augusta Community Library; Bicentennial Library, Colstrip; Blaine County Library, Chinook; Chinook High School; Choteau Public Library; Conrad Public Library; Daniels County Library, Scobey; Carter County High School, Ekalaka; John Gregory Library, Whitehall; Harlem Public Library; Hot Springs Public Library; Liberty County Library, Chester; Missoula Vo-Tech Resource Center; Plains Public Library; Rosebud County Library, Forsyth; Sidney High School; White Sulphur Springs High School; Wibaux Public Library, and Kohrs Memorial Library, Deer Lodge. Those receiving $1,500 LaserCat grants are: Gardiner Public School; Roundup Community Library, and Sidney Public Library. Sheridan County Library in Plentywood received a $1,300 LaserCat grant. The computers should be installed by this fall.

The Twin Bridges Public Library is looking for six silver metal "feet" to support free-standing metal shelves. Director Sheila Giltrap said the "feet" are 2' long, 1-3/4" wide and have a 2-1/2" slot across the top to accommodate the shelving. If anyone has some "feet" to donate or sell, call her at 684-5416.

The state aid bill that passed the legislature in 1989 and was funded this past session will mean more budgeting duties for public librarians. The aid, which is calculated on both a per-capita and a per-square-mile basis, will be available later this summer after the State Library Commission adopts administrative rules for its disbursement. Call Sheila Cates at 444-5352 if you have questions on how to budget this money, ILL reimbursement funds or any money received from the federations.

Three positions are open on the Library Services Advisory Council. One position is to represent public libraries; the other two represent library users in the Sagebrush and Broad Valleys Federations. Nominations are due by July 24 and must be made using a standard form available from Mary Jane West at the State Library, 444-3384. Nominations received after this date will not be considered.

Two libraries were recently awarded Cultural & Aesthetic Projects grants by the State Legislature. The Bitterroot Public Library Foundation in Hamilton will use its $17,332 grant to set up a permanent endowment, while the Garfield County Free Library in Jordan plans to preserve county newspapers with its $5,000 C&A grant. The C&A grants are administered by the Montana Arts Council and come from interest on the coal severance tax-supported Cultural Trust Fund.

Copies of the new Montana Literary Map have been sent to public libraries and branches and academic libraries, thanks to the Montana Authors Coalition. The coalition, located in Billings, generously donated 137 copies of the map last month to the State Library. The map lists those authors (and their published works) associated with different areas of the state.

Aaron Hause, associate professor and documents librarian at the Eastern Montana College Library, died June 4. He had worked at the EMC library since 1978. Interim Library Director Jane Howell said memorials in his name are being accepted through the EMC Foundation for the library.

The following meetings and events are scheduled for JUNE/JULY:

June	29-July 4	American Library Association annual conference, Atlanta
July	4-5	Fourth of July holiday
	9-13	White House Conference on Library and Information Services, Washington, D.C.
	19	Library Services Advisory Council, Helena
	26	Montana Library Association executive board, Bozeman

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